

2026

AWARDS DAY
AT LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITYMARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026CONTEST and
AWARDS
DAY

Plan now to enter your students' individual and overall work from 2025 in THSPA'S annual contest. The contest features 49 categories in newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine, broadcast and multimedia.

The THSPA Awards Day is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026, at Lipscomb University. All individual awards will be presented on this date along with awards for overall evaluations and awards for the H. L. Hall Student Journalist of the Year, the Bonnie Hufford Adviser of the Year and the Administrator of the Year.

2024-2025 yearbooks and magazines may be shipped to THSPA anytime. The entry deadline for all other submissions will be Jan. 17, 2026.

THSPA EXISTS:

- to provide a forum for students who are interested in journalism and student media
- to offer opportunities to network with other members of the association
- to provide an educational opportunity for high school students across the state by hosting speakers and small-group workshops
- to emphasize excellent journalistic writing and coverage in student media
- to maintain the student press as an instrument published by students, for students
- to conduct contests and workshops to encourage greater efforts from students and advisers to produce quality media
- to reward and promote excellence in high-school student media

MEMBERS ALSO...

- are invited to enter the annual Student Media Awards.
- have the opportunity for an in-depth medium critique.
- get a \$5 discount per delegate who attends a Fall Workshop in Tennessee

THANKS
FOR YOUR
INTEREST IN
THSPA!RETURN THIS MEMBERSHIP FORM,
WITH PAYMENT, TO:

Dr. Jimmy McCollum
Tennessee High School Press Association
One University Park Drive
Nashville, TN 37204-3951

POSTMARK BY AUG. 31 FOR A DISCOUNT!

QUESTIONS?

Phone
Dr. Jimmy McCollum, Director, (615) 966-5788

e-mail: THSPA@Lipscomb.edu
web: www.Lipscomb.edu/THSPA

2025-26

MEMBERSHIP INFO

SEEKING TO EDUCATE
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT MEDIA STAFFS IN
TENNESSEE

JOIN TODAY!



TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION
AT LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY

THSPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025-2026

1. MEDIUM INFORMATION

Please complete one Membership Application for each different media group you are registering.*

School _____

Medium Name _____

Medium: ☐ Newspaper ☐ Newsmagazine ☐ Yearbook ☐ Literary Magazine
☐ Radio ☐ Television ☐ Video Yearbook
☐ Photography ☐ Online Media ☐ Other: _____

Medium's URL (if applicable) _____ Facebook: _____

X/Twitter: _____ Instagram: _____ YouTube: _____

Adviser Name _____

E-mail _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

School Phone _____ School Fax _____

If you are joining JEA, do you want to be on the JEA listserve? Yes No If so, which email address? Home School

Feel free to fill out any of the following:

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home E-mail _____ Phone _____

*If there is more than one medium from your school joining, please complete a separate application for each group. Please note that membership is per medium (newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine, television, etc.), not per school. You may print out additional forms from our website at www.tennpress.org.

For office use only: Date received: _____ Check #: _____

2. FEES (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ \$25 Annual THSPA Membership (by Aug. 31)

☐ \$45 Annual THSPA Membership (after Aug. 31)

Membership is per medium, not per school. The membership fee will increase to \$45 per medium Sept. 1, so be sure to postmark before that date.

☐ \$95 Annual JEA Teacher/Adviser Membership

If you join the Journalism Education Association through the Tennessee High School Press Association, JEA will allow THSPA to retain \$5 to help our state association. If you are already a JEA member, you may renew through THSPA.

☐ \$45 Medium Evaluation

THSPA is offering evaluations for newspapers, yearbooks, literary magazines, broadcast stations, websites and online publications. A critique booklet will be filled out by a judge and returned to you. If you want your publication evaluated, add \$45 to your membership check. To save money, you may bring your yearbook to a Fall Workshop. Send two issues of this year's newspapers and/or send one copy of a news broadcast program by Jan. 17. You must be a member of THSPA to have an evaluation.

☐ Attendance at Fall Workshop: \$ _____

For the sake of convenience, if you know how many will be coming from your school, you may include your workshop registration with this membership check. (Find workshop registration forms at www.Lipscomb.edu/THSPA.) Or, you may pay for your workshop attendance later. If later, please help us plan for attendance by indicating one of the following:

- ☐ Bringing approximately _____ people to the Memphis workshop
- ☐ Bringing approximately _____ people to the Knoxville workshop
- ☐ Bringing approximately _____ people to the Chattanooga workshop

TOTAL: \$ _____ (Make check payable to Lipscomb Univ.)

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2025

FALL WORKSHOPS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR

- **Friday, Sept. 19** – West Tennessee Workshop, University of Memphis
- **Friday, Oct. 24** – Chattanooga Workshop, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- **Friday, Oct. 31** – Knoxville Workshop, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
[Note: The venue at UTK's Student Union has a limit of 105, so attendance will be based on when registration/payment is received.]
- **Nov. 13-16** – National High School Journalism Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville

Jump-start your year by bringing your students to an event in your region. You'll find engaging sessions in writing, photography, design and multimedia.

Registration at the Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga workshops will be \$5 cheaper per person for the staffs that are members of THSPA.

And we hope you can make plans to attend the National High School Journalism Convention in November! It's the nation's largest gathering of scholastic journalists and advisers; typical attendance is around 4,000. For more info, go to www.fall.journalismconvention.org.

FIND WORKSHOP INFO AT
WWW.LIPSCOMB.EDU/THSPA